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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT
DIVISION FOUR

In re the Marriage of JENNIFER SUN and
TOM LAN.

JENNIFER SUN,
Respondent,
v.
TOM LAN,
Appellant.

A143742

(Alameda County
Super. Ct. No. HF14713157)

Appellant Tom Lan, appearing in propria persona, appeals from an order entered October 2, 2014 in this dissolution proceeding. Both appellant and respondent Jennifer Sun appeared in propria persona in the family court proceedings from which this appeal is taken. On appeal, the only brief on file is that of appellant. Respondent wrote a “to whom it may concern” letter asking this court for procedural advice about how to proceed on appeal, but never filed a responding brief.

Appellant’s notice of appeal indicates that he seeks review of an order of October 2, 2014, which, among other things, granted joint custody of the couple’s children, provided for visitation, denied appellant’s request for child support and spousal support, and denied appellant’s request to “buy out the family home.”

The record reveals no judgment incorporating or relating to the October 2, 2014 order, but does indicate that subsequent hearing dates were set, including a trial-setting

date. No judgment appearing to have been entered, we dismiss this appeal as one being brought to challenge an interlocutory order which is not appealable. (Code Civ. Proc., § 904.1; *Kinoshita v. Horio* (1986) 186 Cal.App.3d 959, 962–963; *Lester v. Lennane* (2000) 84 Cal.App.4th 536, 560.)

In addition, we note that much of appellant’s brief is incoherent. The brief sets forth six separate arguments, including such points as “The trial court disregards my great morals and Respondent’s criminal facts to indulge Respondent continually violating laws and abusing court,” and “Let our sacred organizations work for more women’s civil rights.” While some statutory citations and citations to the record are supplied, appellant provides no legal argument or citations to authority.

Appellant’s brief is accompanied by a six-volume Clerk’s transcript containing an unindexed compilation of documents, including various emails (some in Chinese) and financial records, and a handful of court orders and copies of pleadings. Very little of this material is cited in appellant’s brief in support of any of his arguments.

The absence of any developed legal argument makes it impossible to discern what appellant assigns as error and why any such error might be cognizable on appeal. We cannot address undeveloped argument presented in this fashion. (See *Jones v. Superior Court* (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 92, 99 [“Issues do not have a life of their own: if they are not raised or supported by argument or citation to authority, we consider the issues waived.”]; *Dills v. Redwoods Associates, Ltd.* (1994) 28 Cal.App.4th 888, 890, fn. 1 [appellate court “will not develop the appellants’ arguments for them”].) We are not required to search the record on our own seeking error. (*Del Real v. City of Riverside* (2002) 95 Cal.App.4th 761, 768.)

While appellant’s unrepresented status no doubt explains these deficiencies, it does not excuse them. (*Burnete v. La Casa Dana Apartments* (2007) 148 Cal.App.4th 1262, 1267 [“ ‘ “the in propria persona litigant is held to the same restrictive rules of procedure as an attorney” ’ ”].) Appellant’s self-represented status does not exempt him from the rules of appellate procedure or relieve him of his burden on appeal. Those representing themselves are afforded no additional leniency or immunity from the rules

of appellate procedure simply because of their propria persona status. (See *Nwosu v. Uba* (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th 1229, 1246–1247.)

DISPOSITION

The appeal is dismissed.

Streeter, J.

We concur:

Ruvolo, P.J.

Rivera, J.